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SUBJ: BHUTTO ON KASHMIR

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1. IN FINAL DAY OF HIS POLITICAL TOUR OF AZAD KASHMIR, BHUTTO REINJECTED NOTE OF CAUTION THAT HAD BEEN ABSENT FROM HIS POLITICAL REMARKS DURING PREVIOUS TWO DAYS, MOST NOTABLY IN HIS CALL FOR GENERAL STRIKE IN KASHMIR (REFTEL).

2. ADDRESSING NOVEMBER 9 PUBLIC MEETING AT MIRPUR, BHUTTO DECLARED (ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS) THAT DECISIONS AS TO NEXT STEP IN KASHMIR DISPUTE WAS ENTIRELY UP TO PEOPLE OF KASHMIR THEMSELVES. QUOTE. THE PEOPLE OF KASHMIR FROM INDIA AND YOU SHOULD NOT NURSE

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FALSE HOPES THAT ANY FOREIGN POWER OR COUNTRY WILL COME

TO YOUR HELP IN THIS TREMENDOUS STRUGGLE. . . IF YOU
HAVE ANY NOTIONS THAT THE UNITED NATIONS, THE UNITED
STATES, THE SOVIET UNION, OR ANY OTHER POWER IN THE WORLD
WILL GET YOU YOUR FREEDOM, CAST IT AWAY NOW. UNQUOTE.

3. PRESS THEN QUOTED BHUTTO AS WARNING THAT KASHMIRIS
SHOULD GIVE UP ANY THOUGHTS THAT A WAR COULD BE STARTED OVER
KASHMIR AND CONTINUED FOR FEW DAYS, JUST LONG ENOUGH TO
INVITE FOREIGN INTERVENTION. NO FOREIGN POWER WOULD INTER-
VENE, HE SAID.

4. LATER IN SPEECH, PRESS REPORTED THAT STUDENTS IN
AUDIENCE SHOUTED SLOGANS CALLING FOR GUERRILLA WARFARE TO
LIBERATE KASHMIR. BHUTTO RESPONDED THAT HE LIKED THESE
SLOGANS BECAUSE THEY REFLECTED ENTHUSIASM AND SPIRIT OF
THE PEOPLE. HE DID NOT OPPOSE ANY SUCH IDEA, HE SAID,
BUT ANY DECISIONS ON THESE LINES WOULD BE UP TO PEOPLE
OF KASHMIR--NONE OF WHOM, AS FAR AS HE KNEW, HAD COME
FORWARD IN PAST FIVE YEARS TO ORGANIZE GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES.
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